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Save Sugar
Sugar means ships
Ships mean soldiers
Soldiers mean victory

YANKEES AND FRENCH HIT HUNS HARD

AMERICAN FORCES ON THE LORRAINE FRONT, Sept. 12.—French and American forces this morning launched an attack against the German positions on both sides of the St. Mihiel salient.

The attack was preceded by a barrage lasting twelve hours. The attack on the southern side of the St. Mihiel salient was made along a distance of twelve miles.

The attack on the western side was made on a front of eight miles.

There has been great concentration of Franco-American artillery and entente airplanes are operating in large numbers.

The weather is fine. The attack made by the French and Americans was a most daring one and so far has been successful.

British Take More Towns

LONDON, Sept. 12.—British forces have effected a crossing of the Canal du Nord to the northwest of the town of Havrin-court, Field Marshal Haig announced in his official report today. The canal line here forms the main defense of Cambrai on the southwest.

A short distance to the north the British have pushed to the westerly bank of the canal, east and north of Mouevres, and established themselves there.

British troops have captured the town of Vermand, Attilly and Vendelles, all on the front northwest of St. Quentin, the field marshal also announced in his report.

Rains Cause Drive Pause

LONDON, Sept. 12.—Eight weeks to the day and for the first time the great allied offensive of Marshal Foch is at a virtual pause.

True, both the British and French on isolated sectors on the front extending from Flanders to the east of Soissons again have recorded advances, but yesterday witnessed no such progress by the allies toward strategic objectives as past days had brought them, before the rains turned the lowlands into impassable marshes and the badly worsted enemy rushed large reinforcements to stop the gaps through which the British, French and American armies are threatening to filter and reach his entire military system.

During the eight weeks that have passed the allied troops have cleared almost in its entirety the enemy-held territory from the Marne to the Aisne in the great triangle which had Chateau Thierry at its apex and Soissons and Rheims, respectively, its western and eastern anchor points; from Soissons to Arras, the old bulge westward to Montdidier and toward the doorstep of Amiens has all but been obliterated. Allies are now standing across a large portion of the old Hindenburg defense line and visually are on the remainder of it, while to the north in Flanders the deep salients which threatened the English Channel ports have bent eastward and the enemy is expelled from the vantage points from which he had expected ultimately to make his drive to endeavor to gain the seaboard and thus cause a diversion of the transport service from England to southern France.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF WAR

The succession of hammer blows delivered by the allied forces under Field Marshal Foch along the German lines from Rheims to Arras since July 18 have now well nigh completely flattened out the great bulges created by the German offensives of the spring and early summer. Further still, the well co-ordinated progress of the allies' attack has brought the allies to a point where they may well be able to strike a still more disastrous blow to the German defensive system in the west.

From Laon to Cambrai the Hindenburg line stood all last year in the way of allied armies seeking to drive back the enemy from northern France and Flanders. Little impression was made in that line except temporarily in General Byng's drive below Cambrai last fall. Already in this summer's campaign, however, the line has been pierced on a wide front along its northerly stretches by the British and within the past week it has been penetrated in its southerly reaches by the French.

It appears that Marshal Foch's plan may prove to involve the turning of the line on both its flanks at Cambrai and Laon. In the north the British have been for several days in a position to deliver what might easily prove a vital stroke to the west of Cambrai, where they have halted at the Canal du Nord and made no move toward driving home the blow which the logic of the situation points to the inevitable.

On the western outskirts of the basin of St. Gobain, defending Laon, the French already at Barisis are in advance of the line they occupied in 1917, and farther south, below the main bastion, are standing on ground which had not been in allied hands since 1914. Farther north they are before La Fere, whence an eastward drive would carry them north of the St. Gobain massif.

The process of closing in toward the Hindenburg line at the points where it had not yet been reached was continued rapidly during the

HIERHOLZER NAMES HIS DISTRICT AIDS

County Chairman R. J. Hierholzer of this city, who has so successfully managed the previous Liberty Loan campaigns, will superintend the coming Fourth Liberty Loan drive in this county, scheduled for September 28 to October 18, inclusive. He has appointed as chairmen of their respective territory some of the best known men of the county to aid him in the work. These chairmen, in turn, are to select their own workers for the canvass.

Chairman Hierholzer's appointments are as follows:
Black Creek—Theodore Leininger.
Butler—C. F. Morvilius.
Center—W. E. Turner.
Franklin—Otis Monroe.
Gibson—W. E. Wilson.
Granville—Aloys J. Gels and H. A. Beckman.

H. Jewell—Joachim Luth.
Jefferson—C. W. Riley, W. L. Trenary, Liberty—John Kock.
Marion—Bernard Rivers.
Recovery—W. E. Wilson.
Union—Henry Carl, J. F. Disher.
Washington—O. S. Ashcraft.
Celina—J. E. Riley, John Gast and J. R. Crampton.

The schedule for the time and amount of each payment on bonds has just been received by Chairman Hierholzer. Ten percent must be paid on application and the remainder in five installments, the last being due January 30. They can be paid for in full any time during the drive. The amounts and the maturity of the bonds has not yet been determined.

Great Races to Feature Fair

The big Anglaize County Fair at Wapakoneta next week is assured a big entry list in all departments. Solicitors out this week attending the various fairs being held at Sidney, Bowling Green, Lima, Lebanon, Bucyrus and a number of fairs in Indiana, brought with them many entries, especially in the speed department, which includes Grand Circuit racing at their fair next week.

GERMANS OCCUPY THEIR NEW LINES

Now in the Positions Held Before Last March 31.

RETIREMENT IS AT AN END

Enemy Evidently Expects to Stop the Allied Advance Along the Old Hindenburg Front—Speculation Abound as to Plans of Supreme Commander Foch—Days Immediately Ahead a Crucial Period.

Washington, Sept. 10.—Dispatches received here from the battle fronts state that the Germans are now standing substantially in the positions they occupied before last March 21, when their greatest offensive was launched.

The statement in the official German communiqué that "our new lines" had everywhere been occupied is given only one construction here. Apparently it was intended to mean that the retirement had come to an end and that the Germans expected to stop the allied advance along the old front. In that event, it was said, the light forces of the French, British and American armies will soon reach this defensive position and subsequent operations quickly show how Marshal Foch proposes to assail the problem that baffled the French and British general staffs—the breaking of this advanced line of defense set up by the enemy on Belgian and French soil.

It was evident from reports that the allied forces were still feeling their way forward carefully through the rear guard screens of machine gunners which still cover many portions of the enemy's present fighting front. Behind this screen the Germans were believed to have reoccupied the old Hindenburg defenses, which probably have been repaired and supplemented so that they are again a formidable barrier.

There is a feeling among some of the details that the enemy is very likely to signalize his intention to stand fast by striking hard at the advancing French and British forces, or even by an attack at some other point designed to relieve pressure rather than to achieve any decisive result in the way of capturing towns.

On the allied side, it remains to be seen whether Marshal Foch plans a flanking operation on a wide front to turn the enemy out of his new lines and keep him moving back or will continue to hit at weak spots all along the front. Opinion here is that the larger enterprise is the most probable, since virtually the entire American army is available as a fresh, hard-hitting force with which to deliver a coup aimed at the breaking of the German front.

There is no doubt that many officers here regard the days immediately ahead as probably the crucial period of the whole battle of 1918.

The display of fall and winter hats at Mrs. Kate Ellis's is bound to catch the eye of women who appreciate the best and up to the minute in the millinery line. The old, the young and middle-aged will find what they are looking for in her handsome and varied stock.

Do you get up at night? Sanol is surely the best for all kidney or bladder troubles. Sanol gives relief in 24 hours from all backache and bladder trouble. Sanol is a guaranteed remedy. 35c and \$1.00 a bottle at the drug store.

The Next Big Event.

The next big event in this locality will be the big Anglaize County Fair, which will be held at Wapakoneta next week, Sept. 17, 18, 19 and 20. This fair is considered one of the big fairs of the state, and the next best thing to the State fair, and this year gives promise of surpassing all previous fairs. The entries in all departments are bigger than ever, and their exposition will be full of interest.

PRESIDENT SEEMS TO BE AN ISSUE

If the President is not an issue with the Republicans who are trying to get into office, we would like for our friend Gilbert of the Observer to explain the antics of his party at Columbus recently. A Columbus correspondent of the Cincinnati, under date of Sept. 10, recites a little incident that is entertaining. He writes:

"From a new source has come a new light on the reason of the neglect of the Republican state convention, held here recently, to place the picture of President Woodrow Wilson in a position of honor or to mention his name in the resolution adopted by the party. Both these omissions, which have aroused unfavorable comment from the Republican as well as from the independent newspapers, were at first set down as mere indications of thoughtlessness, but it now seems the contrary was the case."

"Assertion has been made that the picture was not placed before the delegates because it was feared they would become wildly hysterical in their anger and might smash the picture. The authority for this rather startling statement on a matter that has aroused a great deal of comment is C. C. Philbrick, editor of a weekly publication here and former member of the state board of administration, who is one of the very closest to former Governor Frank B. Willis."

"How close Philbrick is to Willis is indicated by the fact that his organ conducted the canvass for Willis in Franklin county during the primary, and the utterances in his journal are accepted as reflecting the thoughts of the Willis organization. Later along when it became necessary for Willis to send to the discard W. E. Halley, his pre-primary manager, Philbrick was one of the first to be consulted, and his word apparently carried a great deal of weight."

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